

Ontario Launches the Green Ontario Fund to Help People Save Money and Fight Climate Change

*Register at GreenON.ca for a No-Cost Smart Thermostat with Installation
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Ontario is helping people across the province save money and fight climate change through the [Green Ontario Fund](#) - a new not-for-profit provincial agency that will deliver programs and rebates to help reduce energy costs in homes and businesses. The agency is part of Ontario's [Climate Change Action Plan](#) and is funded by proceeds from the province's cap on pollution and carbon market.

Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, made the announcement today and encouraged people to visit GreenON.ca to find out how small changes can help homes and businesses save money while reducing greenhouse gas pollution.

This includes the new GreenON Installations program, which opened [early registration](#) today. Interested and eligible households can register to have a Green Ontario Fund-trained technician visit and install a smart thermostat at no cost. The technician will also provide advice and tips as well as personalized suggestions for additional energy-saving upgrades.

More GreenON programs for residents, businesses and industry will be announced in the coming months.

No matter where you live or work in Ontario, fighting climate change can be as easy as changing a light bulb, switching your thermostat or making other home improvements that cut your energy bills.

Making it easier and more convenient for homeowners and businesses to reduce their carbon foot print and save money is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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" Taking strong action on climate change means making it as easy as possible for people and businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at home and work, while also saving money. That's why our government created the Green Ontario Fund, which will give homeowners and small and medium-sized businesses improved access to low-carbon technologies and services."

- Chris Ballard

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing \$377 million in proceeds from its carbon market to establish the Green Ontario Fund.
- Owners and renters of detached, semi-detached, town and row homes can register for the GreenON Installations program through the [Green Ontario Fund website](#). Renters must have their landlords' permission to register.
- The province has also appointed a new board of directors for the Green Ontario Fund.
- Other Climate Change Action Plan measures funded by carbon market proceeds include new [electric vehicle incentives, charging stations and infrastructure](#), energy retrofits for [homes, multi-residential buildings, social housing, targeted greenhouse gas emission reduction programs](#) for large industries, small and medium-sized businesses and [support for Indigenous communities](#) to fight climate change.

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- [GreenON Programs Save Money and Fight Climate Change](#)
- [Green Ontario Fund Board of Directors](#)
- [Green Ontario Fund](#)
- [Climate Change Action Plan](#)
- [Ontario's Cap and Trade Program](#)

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